REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/668,888 filed on September 22, 2003. Claims 1-7, 9-19, and 21-27 are pending in the application. Claims 8 and 20 are canceled. Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 14-19 and 21-27 are allowed, and claim 8 is objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 8. Claim 8 has been canceled. Claim 1 is believed to be in allowable form. Claims 2-7 and 9-13 depend from claim 1 and are therefore also believed to be in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the application is in form for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. In the event it would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (949) 350-7301.

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